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TO AMEMBASSY PRETORIA PRIORITY  
AMEMBASSY MASERU PRIORITY  
INFO AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG  
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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CVIS, SREF, SHUM, SF,LT

SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICAN REFUGEE TO TRANSIT JAN SMUTS  
SOUTH AFRICA FOR LESOTHO

1. SOUTH AFRICAN REFUGEE STUDENT CECIL GUMEDE, WHO HAS  
US PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS, HAS BEEN OFFERED JOB AS  
PHARMACIST WITH LESOTHO MINISTRY OF HEALTH. PLANS  
ARRIVE JOHANNESBURG ON VARIG AIRWAYS NO. 652 FROM  
RIO AT 2150 HRS ON MAY 1. ETD FROM MASERU ON MAY 2  
VIA SAA 132 AT 0700.

2. GUMEDE HAS NEITHER SOUTH AFRICAN NOR LESOTHO VISA  
BUT GOVERNMENT OF LESOTHO INSISTS VISA IS NOT REQUIRED  
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AND THAT LETTER FROM GOVERNMENT OF LESOTHO OFFERING  
JOB WILL BE SUFFICIENT FOR TRANSIT JAN SMUTS AND  
ENTRY LESOTHO.

3. AFRICAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE HAS INFORMED DEPT  
THAT LESOTHO HAS BEEN GENEROUS WITH JOB OFFERS FOR  
REFUGEES, BUT FEW SOUTH AFRICANS WILLING TO TAKE

THEM PARTLY BECAUSE OF FEAR TRANSIT THROUGH SOUTH AFRICA. AAI BELIEVES THAT IF GUMEDE ENCOUNTERS NO

DIFFICULTIES, THIS WILL HAVE SALUTARY EFFECT ON WILLINGNESS OF OTHER SOUTH AFRICANS TO TAKE JOBS IN LESOTHO.

4. FOR PRETORIA: DEPARTMENT SHARES AAI VIEW AND BELIEVES RETURN OF REFUGEES IN US WILL HELP REVERSE BRAIN-DRAIN FROM THAT REGION AND CONTRIBUTE TO DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES OF COUNTRIES SUCH AS LESOTHO. ACORDINGLY BELIEVE IT IN OUR INTEREST THAT GUMEDE RETURN BE WITHOUT INCIDENT.

5. FOR MASERU: SUGGEST YOU FORWARD TO PRETORIA, INFO DEPARTMENT, ANY EVIDENCE YOU MAY HAVE INDICATING WHETHER SOUTH AFRICAN OFFICIALS LIKELY CREATE DIFFICULTIES FOR GUMEDE AT JAN SMUTS AIRPORT IN VIEW OF HIS LACK OF A LESOTHO VISA OR HIS EXILE STATUS. YOU MAY WISH TO ASSIST HIS ENTRY INTO LESOTHO SHOULD YOU BELIEVE SUCH ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED. REQUEST YOU REPORT GUMEDE EXPERIENCES FOR RELAYING TO AAI.

6. FOR PRETORIA: BASED ON VIEWS OF AMEMBASSY MASERU AND YOUR OWN EXPERIENCE, YOU MAY WISH EITHER TO MEET GUMEDE ON ARRIVAL IN SOUTH AFRICA AND SEEK TO ASSURE THAT HE WILL BE ABLE TO BOARD PLANE FOR MASERU FOLLOWING DAY, OR LEAVE INFO ABOUT HIM WITH MARINE GUARDS, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OR DUTY OFFICER, PRETORIA, (DEPARTMENT GAVE GUMEDE CHANCERY NUMBER) SO THAT ASSISTANCE CAN BE PROVIDED IF HE ENCOUNTERS DIFFICULTIES.

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